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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

All Provider Types

Changes in Transplant Coverage

Effective Date: September 26, 2008

Montana Medicaid has expanded the coverage of organ transplants for adults (clients 21 and older) effective September 26, 2008. With this change, transplant coverage for adults includes the same coverage offered for children, if not considered experimental or investigational.

Prior to this change, Montana's Medicaid program restricted transplant coverage for adults to:

- allogenic and autologous bone marrow;
- kidney, inclusive of thoracic duct drainage and dental exam;
- cornea; and
- lymphocyte immune globulin preparation.

For children (clients less than 21 years), Montana Medicaid covers transplants if not considered experimental or investigational.

Now, all Medicaid clients have coverage for all transplants that are covered for children if not considered experimental or investigational.

Prior authorization is required on all transplants. All transplants must be medically necessary and authorized by the Department's designated review organization:

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Helena, MT 59602

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406-443-4020 ext. 5850 for Helena

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406-443-4585 for Helena

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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